

## **REMARKS**

### **Introduction**

Claims 1-10, 15, 20, 21, 28-33, 36, 37, 39-50, and 52-59 are pending in this application. With this Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 3 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and have amended claims 2, 7, and 10. Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 15, 20, 21, 28-33, 36, 37, 39-50, and 52-59 will be pending in this application.

### **Allowed Claims**

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1, 15, 20, 21, 28-33, 36, 37, 39-50, and 52-59 in the present application.

### **Claim Objections**

Claims 3, 9, and 10 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 2 to include the limitations of claim 3. Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9. Claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 8 which depends from claim 7.

### **Claim rejections**

Claims 2 and 4-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,140,105 to Belinski (hereinafter "Belinski").

#### **§ 102(b) – Belinski**

With this amendment, Applicants have amended claim 2 to include the limitations of claim 3. Applicants therefore believe that claim 2 is allowable.

Since claims 4, 5, and 6 depend from allowable claim 2, Applicants believe that claims 4, 5, and 6 are allowable as well.

Claim 7 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 9. Applicants therefore believe that claim 7 is allowable. Since claim 8 depends from claim 7 which is

believed to be allowable and claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 8, Applicants believe that claims 8 and 10 are allowable as well.

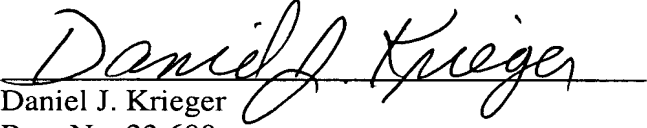
**Final Remarks**

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10, 15, 20, 21, 28-33, 36, 37, 39-50, and 52-59 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

If necessary, Applicants request that this Response be considered a request for an extension of time for a time appropriate for the response to be timely filed. Applicants request that any required fees needed beyond those submitted with this Response be charged to the account of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP, Deposit Account Number 02-3223.

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